my house?"

bid him begone!"

heels together, he made a low bow.

manoff: "I beg your pardon for this

SYNOPSIS.

Frederick Hardy, a fashionable Boston society man, lost his wealth, was jilted by a girl and sent by a friend to take charge of an American Trading Company store in Russia. On his journey through Japan he met Stapleton Neville, supposedly an Englishman. They agreed to so together to Russia. Because of suspicious circumstances they were exeral times molested by the Japanese. Hardy was rerested and found upon his person were papers showing maps of Jap forts. Hardy was proven guilties. On a train he met Alsome Sano, daughter of a Jap merchant. In Neville's shees Jap found plutures of forts, proving him to be a Russian spy. Hardy departed for Russia on a steamer, which was wrecked the first was rescued by a Russian steamer. On reaching Vladivostok he was well treated. He started for Siberia, meeting Frincess Romanovas on the train. Hardy boarded a vassel for amur. Hardy showed the princess his expertness as a rifle shot. The stamewas stranded. The princess and her maid were attacked by Chinese. Hardy sew their hief. Burning arrows were hurled upon the realt. Hardy slew their hief. Burning arrows were hurled upon the Punkin's decis. An attempt was made to board the vessel. The attacking Chinese wore repulsed. Romanoff sneered at Hardy's solicitude for the princess. Stanka, a measenger sent for help, was nailed to a cross on the shore. To put an end to the awill torture Hardy himself our Stanka out of his misery, taking his own life in his hands. Forest fires menaced the vessel. Hardy volunteered to go for help. Refused permission he lumped overboard and started to swim with the princess distress message. Romanoff was angry at Hardy for his brave efforts to rescue the princess. Hawdy had made love openly to a Japanese girl. Help came and the princess was rescued. Hardy princess. He wood her in his own savage way. He said hardy had made love openly to a Japanese girl. Help came and the princess was rescued. Heardy took lessons in Russian of a Jew, thus owners he and an the princess. He started for the palace home of P

CHAPTER XXXIII .- Continued. The American was puzzled for a moment. He knew why this handdaredevil Russian had subscribed so large an amount. That Boris Romanoff was touched by the suffering of the poor was a thought to bring a smile to the face of any who chanced to know him.

Hardy was not rich, as we know. He had saved a few thousands from his fortune, and his salary and profits from commissions brought him a re- kov, whom he addressed as "Alexieff," for a moment suspended, as he re- panion, Gen. Koukolnik. marked, looking the princess quizzic-

ally in the eye: "Your cousin is very tender-hearted, is he not-quite charitably disposed?" "He has responded handsomely, has he not?" she replied, carelessly, but there was an amused look in her eve "But he is rich and doesn't mind a little sum like this. Besides, he knows that I am anxious to make these poor

people comfortable." Hardy scribbled his name on the paper and handed it back carelessly to the princess.

'But, monsieur!" she gasped, "my friend, I could not accept so much he looked Romanoff full in the eyes, from you! You have made some mistake here!

He adjusted his gold pince-nez, looked critically at the paper, and

read sotto voce: 'Frederick Courtland Hardy, ru bles 2,500.' No, that is quite correct, your highness. I shall take great pleas-

ure in sending you a check in the morning. You have little idea of how this cause appeals to me." The princess flushed and held the paper in her hand for some moments

in silence, looking at it. 'The Americans are as generous they are brave," she said at last, in

a low voice. "I shall accept this noble gift on behalf of my poor people, in whose name I thank you."

at the door and announced: "Lieutenant Gortchakov!"

"I regret that I must be leaving you now," said the Romanovna; "but stay! I should like to introduce you to the lieutenant. He is a great admirer of America and Americans. Show the lieutenant in, Aleko."

The lieutenant entered, tall, in his twenties, very slender and handsome. He was attired in the uniform of the Imperial Guards, Seeing the princess, he bowed very low, clicking his heels Then he walked rapidly to her, and, bending with exquisite grace and assurance, lifted her hand to his After which he turned politely and inquiringly toward Hardy, who

"Lieut. Gortchakov," said the prin-cess, "this is Mr. Hardy, the brave American, of whom you have heard me speak. I desire you to be friends. "It gives me great pleasure to make

your acquaintance," said the lieuten-ant, extending his hand. The pleasure is mine, I assure

you," replied Hardy. "Gen. Catkoff has already told me of your heroic deeds on the Amur," said the lieutenant. "I have been oping for some time that I might have the honor of meeting you. I had living in all Moscow as you. Certain no idea that you were in Moscow." Gortchakov was a frank, ingenuous

youth, to whom the American took an gentlemen." immediate liking. "I shall leave you two together,"



"He Became Infatuated with a Woman of Disreputable Character."

Hardy by the Slaviansky Bazar? The lieutenant has a new pair of white Arabian horses, which he is anxious for me to see. I am sure that Mr. Hardy can appreciate fine horses."

lieutenant, "if Mr. Hardy will accept." "Oh, I am sure he will," laughed

She left the room, and Gortchakov began to explain that he was driving vainsky would be on the way. He had not been talking over a minute, when Boris Romanoff entered, superbly handsome in evening dress. An older shook hands cordially with Gortcha-

He did not introduce Koukolnik to Hardy, but said to the latter with an evil, insolent smile:

these Americans are enterprising!" he explained affably to the general. "This fellow here is a store-keeper, who, it seems, is working the Russian nobility for all he is worth. What's your scheme now? Tell us, that's a good fellow! You shall have our influence with the princess—she ought to be an easy mark, under the circumstances-eh, general?"

The American paled with rage, but

## returning insolence for insolence, CHAPTER XXXIV.

The Princess Commands.

"Being only a merchant," replied the American, "I find it necessary to cultivate good manners to a certain extent. Were I a prince, I might also "Upon my soul!" exclaimed Gen.

Koukolnik, "but this is a very peppery merchant!" The general's cheeks and nose were adorned with a network of varicose veins, the result of innumerable deep potations of vodka. He was that anomalous combination, an excitable fat man, and he had a habit of jerking so fiercely At this moment a servant appeared at his long, pointed side-whiskers that he pulled down the puffy underlid of his eye, disclosing the red conjunc-

tiva. Romanoff flushed with rage.

"Fellow," said he, "I am not going to waste any words with you. I grant you a certain degree of courage, considerable shrewdness and any amount of insolence. But you are making a sad mistake if you hope to force your way into high society simply because you happened to kill a Chinaman or two on the Amur. You may take advantage of my cousin's good nature, but you can not impose on the rest of us. The best thing for you to do is to accept a good, substantial check for your services to the family, and take yourself off. How much shall it be?"-and he pulled a check-book from his pocket. "Better take my advice and accept it now, while we blazing with dare in the mood, and the offer is her regal brow.

"Upon my soul!" exclaimed Kou kolnik.

"I suppose that I shall be offended at this later," drawled Hardy, "when I get to thinking over it. At the pres ent you are too interesting as a study in-ah-zoology. I do not believe there is such another boor and rufflar ly, the Russians of the better class that I have met thus far have all been

"I trust this doesn't bore Alexieff, nor you, general," said Ro- "Gentlemen, for shame!" cried the manoff, "but I really must settle with princess, advancing to the angry and get my wraps. Oh, by the way, this fellow once and for all, and have group, her eyes blasing with indigna

Alexieff, why can we not drive Mr. | it over with. I met him first in Japan, where he played me a low trick, for which he, no doubt, received money from the Japanese authorities. He became infatuated with a woman of disreputable character there, and he and "I shall be most happy," replied the the woman had me put on a boat, ostensibly sailing for Vladivostok, 1 soon found out that I was to be imthe princess, "if he is sufficiently prisoned or put to death. This fellow remained in Japan with his paramour, and he came on here afterward at his leisure. I have had him watched her to a reception, and that the Sla- since by the police, and it is certain that he is an enemy of the government, and perhaps a Japanese spy It is known that he consorts with Jews, and I strongly suspect that he man accompanied him. Romanoff is himself an American Jew. The Romanoff family is, unfortunately, under certain obligations to him, for which spectable income. He held his pen and to whom he introduced his com- I am offering to pay him liberally. Come, now, my man, how much shall

"There must surely be some mis take here," said Gortschakov. "I was "Hello, Hardy, how's trade? But introduced to Mr. Hardy by the prin- spirited and proper thing in knocking American is, as you know, the agcess, who recommended him to me as a possible friend. What have you to the name of the Romanoff family, Mr. say to these accusations of the prince, Hardy, I ask your pardon for this in sian nobleman fears any adversary, Mr. Hardy?"

"Nothing," replied the American, "save that if we were not under the roof of a lady, I should tell Romanoff that I can not believe that he is mis-

"You would have us think then-?" suggested Gortchakov.

"-that he is undoubtedly lying!"

"Have a care!" cried Romanoff, raising his voice. "Do not presume too far on the protection of the princess! Once more and for the last time, I ask you, how much do you -and he thrust the check-book under Hardy's nose. "You are positively growing tire

some," said Hardy, and he flipped the book from Romanoff's fingers, so that it flew fluttering half-way across the

from the Romanoff family." and furies!" exclaimed Ro-"Hell snarled Romanoff. manoff "Take that, you son of a dirty Jewess!"-and he struck Hardy violently in the face with the flat of his hand. The blow staggered the American and left a number of red welts, that contrasted strangely with

the marble whiteness of his cheeks. "This insult must be answered for elsewhere," he said in low, even tones. "Lieut. Gortchakov, I am a comparative stranger here; will you do me the honor of seconding me in this affair?"

"You want me to fight a duel with you?" laughed Romanoff. "With you, a Jew storekeeper? Leave this house instantly, or I shall have you kicked into the street." "I am an American," Hardy explained to Gortchakov, "and the gen-

tlemen of America earn their living by honest toil. Moreover, I am by birth and education a gentleman. Will you be my second?" Gortchakov caught sight of a stately

white figure standing in a distant door -the figure of a tall woman, wearing a long white opera cloak, a coronet blazing with diamonds surmounting He extended his hand to Hardy.

"I will be your second," he said. "Are you mad?" said Romanoff. can not fight with this low fellow, this

"I know Mr. Hardy through the introduction of the Princess Romanovna," declared Alexieff; "that is quite fficient for me."

"You will either fight me or I will horsewhip you on the public streets," insisted Hardy, not raising his voice. "I knew you to be a liar-I did not suspect that you were also a coward." "Gentlemen, for shame!" cried the

"Bless my soul!" exclaimed Koukolnik, "it is the princess! Madame, I tion. He is, as you well know, the out-humbly salute you"—and clicking his raged party, and the choice of weap-"Ah, good evening, cousin," said Ro-

disturbance, but really, this fellow of his nerve. here is to blame. I offered to pay him Fortunately Fortunately for Gortchakov's confor the service which he has rendered to a member of the family. He nik's associate, believed Hardy's rep-

knocked my check-book from my hand, and I very properly chastised his in-"The fellow is a plebeian, too," he solence by slapping his face. As the head of the family it is my duty to protect you from low adventurers. I and be shot at. Take my word for it, demand now most decidedly that you Koukolnik, his arm will tremble like "Oh, Boris!" cried the princess, more in sorrow than in anger, "out of him down than dirty my sword on Gortchakov. "If she loves him, it your own mouth I condemn you. If him, and I've no doubt in the world

would mean just as surely his destrucons should be his. Romanoff, moreover, is not unskillful with the pistol, and there is no doubt as to the quality

tention, the Baron Koubelik, Koukolutation for skill greatly exaggerated.

urged, "a mere tradesman, who will lose his nerve when made to stand up a dog's tail when you pat it on the head. If it were I, I'd rather shoot you offered this gentleman money, I that Romanoff will feel the same. If

"Do you forget that you are in | little or no knowledge of the rapier. | oughbred to see an injustice done, and A combat a l' outrance with swords she has great influence with the czar." There was a slight break in Gortchakov's voice when he mentioned the name of the princess, an agitation in his manner that suggested a possible explanation of his hatred of Romanoff. Hardy remembered the adage; "All is

fair in love and war." The princess' beauty was of the sort that breeds murder in the hearts of

"If her highness loves her cousin," Hardy said, sadly, "killing him will not make her love him the less, oror-us the more. She is not the sort of woman who loves twice in a lifetime. "She does not, she can not, know

what a worthless brute he is!" cried would be saving her from a rate worse than death to kill him. And think of the insult which he heaped on you! And I assure you that you can kill him with perfect safety."

Hardy laid his hand on the younger man's shoulder.

"A gentleman does not think of the consequences to himself when he is vindicating his honor. I shall settle this score with Romanoff with a full realization of all the aggravating circumstances.'

Gortchakov seized the American's hand impulsively.

"Pardon me, my friend," he said, "I intend no imputation on your courage; but there are others besides my-

self who are tired of this great bully, Romanoff." "When is the meeting to take place?" asked Hardy.

"To-morrow morning at eight, in a grove on the banks of the river. If you will permit me, I shall call for you at half-past seven with my sledge, and shall drive you there."

"I shall be deeply indebted to you. And now, if you will take no offense, I shali ask you to excuse me, as I must get a good night's rest. There is no medicine like sleep, and plenty of it, to make the hand steady and the eye clear?

The young Russian glanced at the other admiringly. "You have the nerve of a Russian!"

"Or of an American," replied Hardy, "You will find me rendy at smiling-7:30, and don't fail to be on time. We must not be one second late at this rendezvous.

Left to himself, Hardy sat for a long time with his head in his hands,

thinking. Of his ability to kill Romanoff at the distance agreed on-30 paces-he had not the slightest doubt. He was also aware that he stood a chance himself of being wounded, or of losing his life. Romanoff enjoyed the reputation of being a fair shot, though how much this meant in Russia, Hardy | tatingly. had no means of judging. Probably not much, according to American standards; but even a poor shot will

sometimes hit the mark. Was the princess in love with her took on the shape and tangibleness | be thy name!" "-Success Magazine. of probability. That she had commanded the prince to fight was no proof against the supposition. She came of fighting blood, and the man over, Hardy had taken advantage of had claimed fulfillment of the promise so many potations of vodka that the that she had made to him.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Hannibal in Italy. Hannibal entered northern Italy in tols it shall be. Prince Romanoff shall shoot this tradesman down-he

perll.

slur on our man's courage. No Rus-

By this time Koukolnik had taken

bravado in this sentiment appealed to

shall not soil his rapier on him."

"You are right!" he cried, "and pis-

with any weapon.'

between the eyes."

"My Seconds Will Walt on You in the Morning," Said Hardy.

am obliged to decide that he did a very | we insist on the rapier, too, when this

your check-book from your hand. In grieved party, we shall be casting a

sult that has been heaped on you un-

"I will pardon him," replied Hardy,

'after he has fought me, according to

the custom among gentlemen in this

country. He has struck me and he

"What!" cried the princess, "a duel?

"This Jew, this shopkeeper, wants

"Your highness has been pleased to

express gratitude for certain services

which I have been fortunate enough

to render you-to express a hope that

you might be able, in fact, to do some-

thing for me in return. I now demand

a gentleman's satisfaction for this

blow. It is all that I shall ever ask

"I shall also pay you for the blow,"

The princess glanced indignantly at

"You must fight him, Boris," she

Romanoff bowed gracefully, with an

"I shall kill him with pleasure, since

"My seconds will wait on you in the

morning," said Hardy. "Madame, I am your debtor and grateful servant.

I have the honor of wishing you good

evening"-and he walked from the

CHAPTER XXXV.

The Princess Entreats

In the preliminary arrangements for the duel, Lieut. Gortchakov repre-

sented the American with zeal and fi-

with the pistol, objected to that

"Why, bless my soul!" exclaimed

lets would be nothing less than mur-

der, and none of us, as Russians, could

permit that. This American could

trouble in the world, and his hatred

ly do it. We can't permit that-upon

my soul, we can't!"

Romanoff's seconds, fully

said at last, in a voice low, yet per-

fectly distinct in the tense silence.

you desire it," he said.

looking scornfully at her cousin.

me to fight him," sneered Romanoff.

It is against the law. I shall not per-

must give me satisfaction."

der my roof!"

mit it.'

evil smile

delity.

weapon.

"Don't wait till he shoots first," counseled the lieutenant; "for he has a sort of awkward skill with the pistol Romanoff, then turned her eyes himself. Take aim and shoot just as searchingly on Hardy, who stood there, you hear the word 'three.' My associwhite to the lips, rigid as a statue, ate and I will see that you do not get into serious trouble with the law. We shall testify to the grossness of the Romanoff, she is too much of a thor- to terms until she came home!"

the year 218 B. C., and gained during that year the two victories of Ticinus Gortchakov was jubilant over this and Trebia, both in Cisalpine Gaul. arrangement and he hastened to The next year he advanced farther Hardy's quarters in the hotel to tell south and defeated the Romans at him of the success of his negotiations. Trasymenus, and the year following, "All you have to do now," said the having proceeded farther south, he dapper young Russian, "is to shoot inflicted upon them the terrible dethe great bully through the heart, or feat of Cannae, at which time his ascendancy attained its maximum. He Hardy glanced at Gortchakov's remained for 13 years longer, but flushed face. He was struck by the gained no more decisive victories. He eagerness of his manner, and his evi- was finally recalled by the authorities dent delight at Romanoff's mortal at Carthage, which had never given him anything like a decent support.

Money Well Spent.

"I suppose to educate your daughter in music costs a great deal of money? "Yes; but she's brought it all back for me. "Indeed!"

"Yes; I'd been trying to buy out insult. The princess, too, will stand my next door neighbor at half price by you. Whatever her feelings for for years, and could never bring him

## To Rise in Business Life

Some Few Essentials Must Be kept in Mind, and One of These Is Advertising.

A man may have several carloads of ability. He may have brains and ideas and other desirable things. But all the ideas ever "ideated" will not avail to raise a man who neglects that all important item of advertising. You simply must get attention. Of course, you can get attention by firing off aware of Hardy's reputation for skill revolver during office hours, or you can do it by wearing loud clothes and proclaiming your kinship in the sporting fraternity. But most men French menu. Gen. Koukolnik, "an exchange of bui- who have risen from the ranks have carefully neglected to use methods of this kind.

Every office man must act as his shoot his adversary through the heart own salesman. He must first preor between the eyes without the least pare himself by increasing his efficiency. He must be able to do the of him is so great that he will certain- work for which he is hired. Not only cut of a well roasted sirioin and two should he do that for which he is hired, but he must do that work bet-"For the time being," replied Gort- ter than it ever was done before. chakov, with firmness, "I shall forget When that item has been attended to that I am a Russian, and shall demand it is then time to look about for more

justice for the man who has asked work, me to represent him. My man has The The wise employe will keep his eye

on the job ahead, or, better still, will look at a job which does not exist. but which should exist for the good of the business. The next step is to think out a selling talk that will get the attention, arouse the interest, create a desire, and bring about in the mind of the employer a desire to do what the live employe desires him to do .- The Bookkeeper.

As Dr. Johnson Said IL. George Augustus Sala's eloquent testimony to the superiority of English viands reminds us of Dr. Johnoutburst after examining a

"Sir." said he to the faithful Boswell, "my brain is obfuscated with the perusal of this heterogeneous glomeration of bastard English ill spelt and a foreign tongue. Bid the rascals bring me a dish of hog's puddings, a slice or two from the upper

apple dumplings." National Traits It takes one hour to know a French man, one month to know a German, almost a lifetime to know an English-

## GORDON'S TESTI-MONY PROVES INTERESTING



Charles W. Gordon, whose picture is given above, is agent for the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company in Ogdensburg, N. Y., and resides at 78 King street, that city. In giving testimony regarding his own case, Mr. Gordon recently, made the following statement:

"Some time ago, while suffering from stomach catarrh, I was advised to take Cooper's New Discovery, and did so, two bottles of the preparation putting my stomach into good condition. Previous to my taking the New Discovery I could not eat a meal without experiencing pain and discomfort afterward.

"I had been in this condition for a long time, although I had tried many different remedies in search of relief, and at last reached the conclusion that I had exhausted every available re-source. Cooper's New Discovery was therefore to me almost a heaven-sent blessing, and the work of the medicine was so permanent and lasting that I have had no recurrence of my former trouble whatever.

"I can eat anything I care for without noticing any bad effects afterward. I have recommended Cooper's New Discovery to many persons of my acquaintance, and it never fails to give satisfactory results. It reaches the seat of stomach trouble in mighty short

Cooper's New Discovery is sold by all druggists. If your druggist cannot supply you, we will forward you the name of a druggist in your city who will. Don't accept "something just as good."-The Cooper Medicine Co., Dayton, Ohlo.

## WHERE SHE HAD HEARD IT

Mrs. Jackson Quite Confident She Had Picked Out a Biblical Name for Her Boy.

The late Bishop Gailler was once sked to baptize a negro baby boy. "Name this child," he said, address-

ing Mrs. Jackson, the mother of the

black mite. "Hallud." That's a strange game, Mrs. Jackson," remarked the bishop, hesi-

"Scripture name," rejoined the happy mother, with a confident grin,

"I never saw it in the Bible." 'Why, bishop, how kin yuh stan' up dar kiddin' a ole ignorant niggah laik cousin? The more Hardy debated I is? Yuh says dat name whenevah this possibility in his mind, the more | yuh says de Lawd's prayer-Hallud

Fighting Disease in Greece. Consul General George Horton has made a report from Athens on the she loved must be no coward. More- conspicuous work of Greek physicians in combating the country's chief her own princely word to himself, and scourges-malarial fever and tuberculosis. An annual average of 2,000 persons die each year from the former, while in epidemic years, due to excessive rains, the number exceeds 6,000, which was the case in 1905. The people have been interested through lectures, pamphlets, etc., to fight the malaria-carrying mosquito by draining stagnant ponds and throwing petroleum on them. A tuberculosis congress will be held at Athens next year, to which will be invited not only physicians, but all the mayors and other prominent people of Greece.

The Point of View. Newlywed.-What, \$30 for a hat! Why, it's simply ridiculous, my dear. Mrs. Newlywed.-That's thought, Harold; but you said it was all we could afford.-Lippincott's.



